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## **\*\*Community News Bulletin\*\***

### **Sen. George sponsoring Native American education program focusing on artifacts uncovered in 'S-curve' construction**

- Who:** Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township; the Kalamazoo Valley Museum; Dr. Janet Brashler, Grand Valley State University anthropology professor; and Ottawa Master Storyteller Larry Plamondon
- What:** "Findings at the 'S-Curve' Dig." A community education program on Native Americans in Michigan.
- When:** November 5, 2005  
1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Where:** Kalamazoo Valley Museum  
Mary Stryker Theater  
230. N. Rose Street
- Briefing:** George, Plamondon, Brashler and museum officials will discuss the lives of Native Americans in Michigan and present artifacts recovered from recent archeological digs.

During the U.S. 131 S-Curve Bridge Realignment project in Grand Rapids, a major prehistoric site was uncovered. The site was found to have included Native American occupations dating to the Early, Middle and Late Woodland periods. Nearly 70,000 artifacts were found.

Presenters will review the history of the "S" curve site, the artifacts recovered, the culture of the inhabitants and stories of the people of the area.

Artifacts from the dig will be on display and slides will be a part of the presentation showing progression of the dig and artifact recovery.

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